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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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In Re Application of:

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For: Dynamic Assignment of Station Addresses Transmitted Over Shared-Communication Channels

REMARKS IN SUPPORT OF PRE-APPEAL BRIEF CONFERENCE

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Applicant submits the following remarks in support of a Request for a Pre-Appeal Brief Conference.

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the following clear legal deficiency exists in the rejection. Namely, the previous Office Action equates "assigning an association identifier to said station" with assigning an association identifier to a transmission stream, which are two functions that are technically very different from each other. Furthermore, the instant claims recite, among other elements, "wherein said second address is a combination of (1) a portion of said first address and (2) at least a portion of said association identifier." Even if the cited reference, *Donaghey*, discloses using the stream identifier as part of the address, as pointed out on page 2 of the Advisory Action mailed January 23, 2008, *Donaghey* fails to disclose that "wherein said second address is a combination of (1) a portion of said first address and (2) at least a portion of said association identifier" where the association identifier is associated with a station. Therefore, *Donaghey* fails to anticipate the claims..

I. Status

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13, 15-18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Donaghey* (U.S. Patent No. 6,804,232). Claims 4, 9, 14, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Donaghey* (U.S. Patent No. 6,804,232) in view of *Cannon* (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,444).

II. Rejections of Independent Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Donaghey* (U.S. Patent No. 6,804,232). Applicant

respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is allowable for at least the reason that *Donaghey* does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least **receiving a third frame from said station via said local area network, wherein said third frame uses a second address, rather than said first address, as the medium access control address for said station in said local area network; wherein said second address is a combination of (1) a portion of said first address and (2) at least a portion of said association identifier**. Even if, assuming for the sake of argument, *Donaghey* discloses using a second address using a combination of a first address and an identifier associated with a stream, *Donaghey* fails to disclose wherein the second address is a combination of a portion of the first address and at least a portion of the association identifier, where the identifier is associated with a station. In *Donaghey*, the stream number is assigned to the communication received or sent from the PEA; the stream number is not assigned to the PEA itself. Additionally, multiple streams with various stream numbers may be sent from a particular PEA. Conversely, according to the instant claim, the association identifier is assigned to the *station*. Therefore, *Donaghey* does not anticipate independent claim 1, and the rejection should be withdrawn for at least that reason.

Independent claims 6, 11, and 16 are allowable for similar reasons. Dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 are allowable for at least the reason that dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, and 17-20 contain all the features of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, favorable reconsideration and allowance, or the re-opening of prosecution on the merits of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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